Year	Targert (Million Sq. Mts.)
1992-93	450.00
1993-94	370.00
1994-95	320.00
1995-96	250.00
1996-97	200.00

The Janata Cloth Scheme has been modified providing for an alternative package of assistance in the form of equity for undertaking increased production of non-janata cloth. In addition an integrated scheme for setting up of 3,000 Handloom Development Centres and 500 Quality Dyeing Units intending to cover 30.00 lakh weavers during the VIII Five Year Plan period has been introduced to take care of the major problems of the handloom weavers with regard to supply of inputs, design development, marketing etc.

(b) The percentage of production grey cloth under the Janata Cloth Scheme has been reduced from 25% to 10% with a view to graduate the weavers into production of value added non-janata products and to enable the weaver to earn more wages. In order to protect the interests of weavers, handloom goods of all fibres except mulberry, tussar and muga silk are allowed to be taken up for production under the new scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir. Representations were received from Chief Ministers of Assam and Uttar Pradesh for continuation of Janata Cloth Scheme beyond the VIII Plan period, gradual reduction of production of grey cloth in Uttar Pradesh, and provision of an alternative scheme to the Janata Cloth Scheme. As phasing out of the Janata Cloth Scheme had become inevitable keeping in view the Government of India's policy to phase out subsidy-Oriented Schemes, the request of the Chief Ministers for continuation of the scheme was not agreed to. With regard to an alternative scheme, the Handloom Development Centre Scheme and the Package II Scheme are designed to be alternatives to the Janata Cloth Scheme. So far as the issue of gradual reduction in production of grey colth from 25% to 10% is concerned, it was not agreed to keeping in view the intention of the Government to encourage weaver to take up value added items to enable them earn better wages.

Reservation Policy in Nationalised Banks

*418. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation policy is implemented in the Scale I, Scale II and Scale III posts by the Nationalised Banks;

(b) if so, the details of such nationalised banks;

(c) the reasons for not following the reservation policy in other banks; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct all Nationalised Banks to implement the reservation policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Public sector banks follow the guidelines on reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs & STs) as laid down in the brochure on Reservations for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes in Services (7th edition) issued by the Department of Personnel & Training. Officers cadres in the public sector banks have been equated to Group A posts in the Central Govt. for the purpose of implementation of reservation policy. In view of this, reservations at the rate of 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7½% for Scheduled Tribes are available in their favour in promotions within Officers cadres of the public sector banks when such promotions are made on the basis of "seniority subject to fitness". In terms of the guidelines issued under Regulation 17 of the Officers Service Regulations 1979 and 1981 all inter-scale promotions in the officers cadres in nationalised banks are effected on merit basis only without any weightage for seniority. In terms of the provisions contained in para 9.2(a) of the Brochure on Reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Services (7th edition) there is no reservation in favour of SCs and STs in such promotions. However, certain concessions contained in para 9.2 (a) of the Brochure are available to them. Para 9.2(a) of the brochure provides "In promotions by selection to posts within Group A which carry an ultimate salary of Rs. 5700 or less per month there is no reservation but the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes officers who are senior enough

in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select list has to be drawn up would be included in that list provided they are not considered unfit for promotion". Accordingly, public sector banks do not provide reservations in favour of SCs and STs in promotions from JMGS-I to MMGS-II and MMGS-II to MMGS-III. Two of the public sector banks viz, Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra, however, have been following a policy of effecting a certain percentage of promotions from JMGS-I to MMGS-II and MMGS-II to MMGS-III on the basis of seniority subject to fitness. Since in terms of the instructions issued by Department of Personnel & Training in 1989 the benefits already enjoyed by the SC and ST are not to be withdrawn, these banks have been permitted to continue their policy of effecting promotions upto Scale-III in their officers cadre on the basis of seniority subject to fitness and provide reservations in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the rate of 15% and 7½%, respectively.

Residential Staff Colony of IDBI in Bombay

*419. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has a residential staff colony at Ghatkopar, Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that essential services and the maintenance of this colony is not properly done by the IDBI management;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to and over the flats on ownership basis to the employees/occupants for formation of cooperative housing society; and

(d) what permanent solution the IDBI management proposes to that all the essential services and maintenance are carried out properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that the residential staff quarters at Ghatkopar, Bombay are properly maintained and essential services are provided in the quarters.

(c) IDBI has reported that there is no proposal to hand over the flats to the employees/ occupants on ownership basis.

(d) IDBI has taken steps to provide essential services and maintaining the quarters properly which include regular cleaning, replacing the old wiring, repairs of the underground water tanks to prevent any water loss through leakage and pest control measures.

Telephones to Freedom Fighters

*420. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freedom fighters are entitled to get telephone connections on out-of-turn priority basis and at the concessional rates as for as installation and calls are concerned;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines in this regard;

(c) whether there is provision to convert the existing telephones in the names of freedom fighters to a connection under this category; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to make such a provision for the freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Freedom fighters are provided telephone connections under SWS category which enjoys priority in installation just below the TATKAL category and just above the out of turn sanctions. No installation fee is charged. 50% of the normal rental is charged as rental.

(c) There is a provision to convert the existing telephone in the name of freedom fighter to SWS category if the freedom fighter is earning pension under the Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme. Freedom fighters who have not opted for pension are also eligible for the benefit under the scheme provided they produce documentary proof from the Jail Authorities or